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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: S. Varner, et al.
Serial No. 09/888,079 Art Unit: 3763
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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR SUBRETINAL DRUG DELIVERY

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This application is an RCE of prior U.S.S.N.: 09/888,079, filed on June 22, 2001. The following is in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 20, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed February 24, 2005, in the above referenced application. Applicants kindly ask that the above-identified application be amended and the remarks herein be considered prior to examination as set forth herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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